

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
September 1, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at the Jasper Arts Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Ann Hilgefert, Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Mickey Seger, Kendall Martin, Pat Thyen, Don Weisheit, Doug Abbett, Norma Kreilein and Nanette Parsons. **Commission Members Absent:** Greg Stoner. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Amy Laakman, Donna Schepers and Karen Grewe. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Kasey Hawrysz.

Mike Jones introduced and welcomed new board member, Nanette Parsons and new staff member, Karen Grewe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ann Hilgefert moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

City Financial Statement

Doug Abbett moved to approve the claims and financial statement. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- 358 Performers Series ticket renewals have been made to date. Calls have been made to series ticket holders who have not yet renewed. Several new orders are in for Grand Packages. There are only a handful of tickets left for the series. Calls are coming in for Tommy Emmanuel and Leon Redbone. The house will probably be opened for Leon Redbone due to demand for tickets.
- Requested to attend the APAP conference January 7-12, 2010. Cost to send Kit and Donna is \$4,277. Discussion followed. **Doug Abbett** moved to send Kit and Donna to the APAP conference. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- Reported she went before the Board of Public Works to get approval for the banners for the poles on College Avenue. The University has ordered banners also but of a different size. She has met with Dr. Alan Johnson, and he is working with the printers to have the banners all be the same size.
- Reported she met with ALASI representative Jose Gil. They are interested in becoming involved in community activities.
- Reported she is working on making contact with youth from the community. Will work with Mr. Hacker at JHS to get youth involved.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Summer maintenance projects are winding down. Painting is almost completed.
- The chiller went down during the Strassenfest Queen Pageant. Messmer Mechanical discovered that one of the two compressors was down. This could become an upcoming major expense. She will report back on this later.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- The two new principals, from JHS and the new Catholic High School attended the Education Committee meeting.

- Several diversity projects, a symposium at the University and Walk a Mile in My Shoes, will be coming up in conjunction with *"To Kill a Mockingbird"*. Visual Arts and Education Committees are partnering on these events.
- Bookmarks for the Education Series are available and are being given to the schools.
- Participated in the Activities Day at Vincennes University Jasper.
- Received a call from the DPS Exceptional Children's Co-op to partner with them to provide a performance for the middle school. Indiana School for the Deaf will provide the performance. No cost to the Jasper Community Arts Commission. Ann Hilgefort moved to go forward with this project. Doug Abbett seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Visual Arts Report

Amy reported.

- Dubois County Art Guild reception went very well. The reception was very well attended.
- Juried Art Show is currently on display in the Krempf Gallery. The reception is September 13, 2009.
- Walk a Mile in My Shoes workshop is scheduled for October 10th between the hours of 9 and 3.
- The Audubon Exhibit is being planned. Prints are coming from the Henderson Museum and Oppenheimer Museum in Chicago. The lecture is on October 18, 2009.
- Visual Arts Committee is in need of 2 committee members.

Region 11 Report

Kit reported.

- Reported on budget cuts by the IAC. She handed out a summary of Regional Services required by the IAC and changes to the Regional budget FY2010. The Jasper Community Arts Commission is the regional partner for Region 11 for these grants. An RFP to seek an independent contractor to administer the Region 11 grants was presented. **Doug Abbett** moved to pursue an independent contractor through the RFP. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- Presented grant awards. **Robin Norris** moved to approve grant allocations. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

New Business

- Kendall reported at the City Council meeting the highlights of the activities the Jasper Community Arts Commission.

Old Business

- Mike reported that season book marks and wallet guides are available.

Adjournment

Pat Thyen made a motion to adjourn at 5:47p.m. **Mike Jones** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Mike Jones

Attested